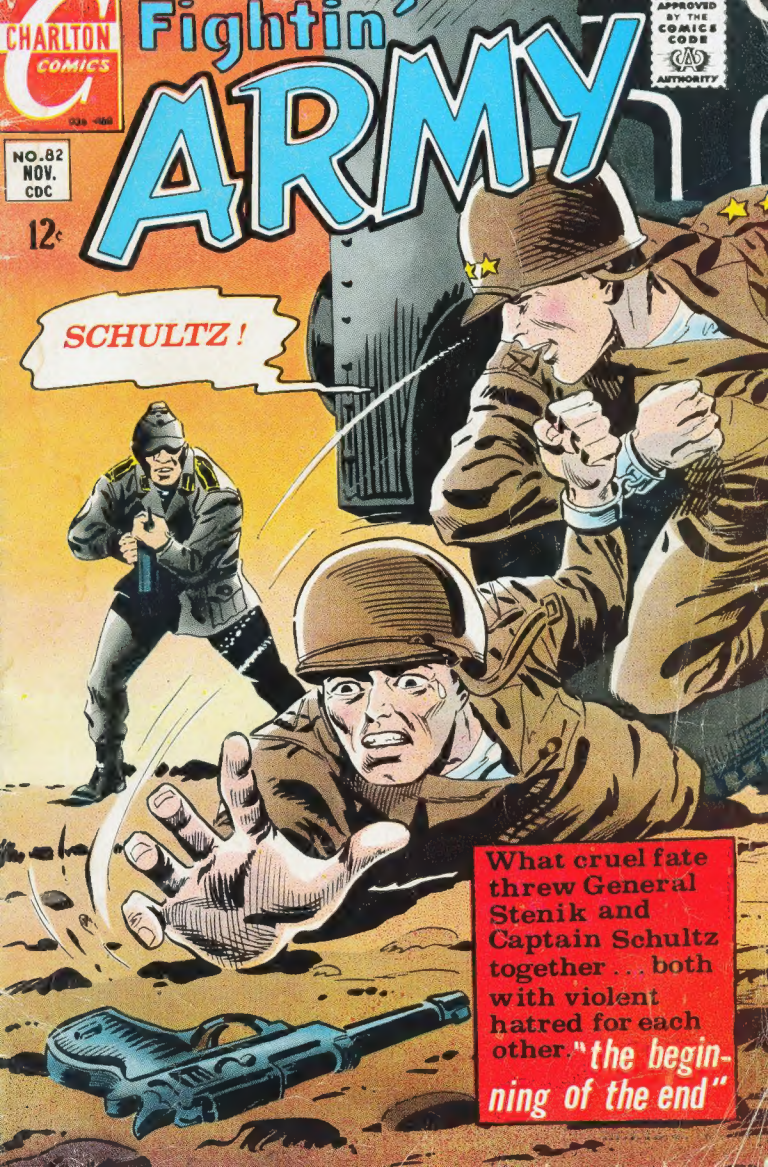
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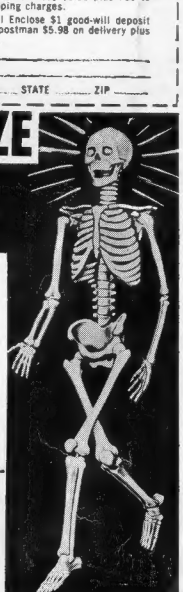

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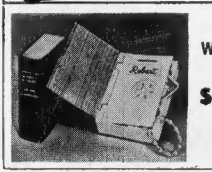

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MAJOR TERRANCE GRAEME HERE...THE ROUTE WE HAD TAKEN FROM OUR ENCOUNTER WITH THE DESERT FOX WAS FILLED WITH A LARGE VARIETY OF GERMAN AND ITALIAN TANKS, ANTI-TANK GUNS AND TRAPS, AND STRAFING AIRCRAFT. BUT WE MADE IT TO OUR ASSEMBLY AREA IN THREE DAYS. WE...MEANING MY CENTURION AND THAT OF AMERICAN MAJOR EARNIE POTTER.

I REPORTED TO THE BASE HOSPITAL FOR A BRIEF MEDICAL EXAMINATION...SATISFACTORY CONDITION...FIT FOR COMBAT...SATISFACTORY. AFTER BEING RELEASED, I SHOWERED, SHAVED, DONNED A FRESH UNIFORM, AND REPORTED TO COLONEL WALTER PERCY.

GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK, TERRY. SORRY ABOUT YOUR UNIT, THOUGH. FINE BUNCH OF FELLOWS, THAT GROUP. A HEAVY LOSS TO OUR STRUGGLE. THEY'LL BE MISSED.

YES, SIR. TERRIBLY MISSED.

THERE ARE NO UNITS OPEN FOR COMMAND, TERRY. I'M SORRY. YOU CAN ALWAYS HAVE A CHAIR UP HERE WITH ME, THOUGH. I CAN USE THE HELP. ONLY IF YOU WANT TO, OF COURSE.

THANK YOU, SIR...BUT NO THANK YOU. I STILL HAVE TWO CENTURIONS AND TWO FINE CREWS. I'D LIKE TO CONTINUE IN COMBAT.

TWO TANKS? THAT'S NOT MUCH OF A COMMAND, TERRANCE.

BUT IT IS, SIR! MY TWO TANKS...I MEAN MINE AND THE YANK MAJOR'S... STRUCK DEEPER INTO ROMMEL'S LINES THAN ANY OTHER UNIT BEFORE! LET US STRIKE AGAIN, COLONEL, AND I'LL KEEP THE NAME OF THE DEVIL'S BRIGADE ALIVE IN BRITISH HEARTS...AND FEARED IN THOSE OF THE GERMANS.

COL. PERCY THOUGHT IT OVER, HESITATED FOR A MOMENT, THEN...

VERY WELL, TERRY. YOU'LL HAVE YOUR UNIT...BUT ONLY IF THE YANK AGREES. IF HE DOES, I'LL NOTIFY HIS PEOPLE OF OUR NEED FOR HIS SERVICES. I'M SURE THEY'LL COOPERATE.

YES, SIR! THANK YOU, SIR!

I HAD NO TROUBLE FINDING POTTER AND HIS CREW. THEY WERE THE ONLY YANKS ON THE BASE. THE TROUBLE WOULD BE CONVINCING THEM TO STAY WITH ME.

WELL, WHAT ABOUT IT, POTTER? SHALL WE HAVE A GO AT IT?

I DON'T KNOW, MAJOR. WHAT DO YOU THINK, FELLAS?

IT'S OKAY WITH US, EARNIE. WE GOT A HECK OF A LOT MORE KRAUTS FIGHTING WITH HIM THAN WITH OUR OLD UNIT. AND ANYWAY... THERE'S NOT MUCH LEFT OF THE OLD BUNCH NOW. I SAY... YEAH. GO WITH MAJOR GRAEME.

ALL RIGHT, MAJOR GRAEME. YOU'VE GOT YOURSELF A UNIT.

GOOD SHOW, POTTER, OLD BOY! I SAY... THIS CALLS FOR A SPOT OF TEA!

A SPOT OF TEA! THE YANKS SAID THAT A SPOT OF "BOOZE" WOULD BE MORE LIKE IT. SO WE CELEBRATED WITH A FEW BOTTLES OF GOOD SCOTCH WHISKEY THAT ONE OF THE COOKS WAS SAVING FOR A SPECIAL OCCASION. IT WAS A JOLLY GOOD AFFAIR, SAY SOME OF THE CAMP GUARDS. IF ONLY HALF OF US COULD REMEMBER IT. POTTER'S SUPERIORS APPROVED HIS REQUEST TO REMAIN WITH US. AFTER TWO WEEKS OF REST AND REHABILITATION, THE YANK MAJOR AND I HAD COME TO KNOW AND LIKE EACH OTHER QUITE WELL. OUR TWO BATTERED CENTURIONS, "MOTHER" AND "FATHER", WERE FULLY REPAIRED AND MAINTAINED. AND, AFTER BEING REFUELED AND RELOADED WITH CANNON AND MACHINE GUN AMMUNITION, THE TWO 50 TON HULKS WERE READY FOR COMBAT. SO WERE THEIR CREWS!

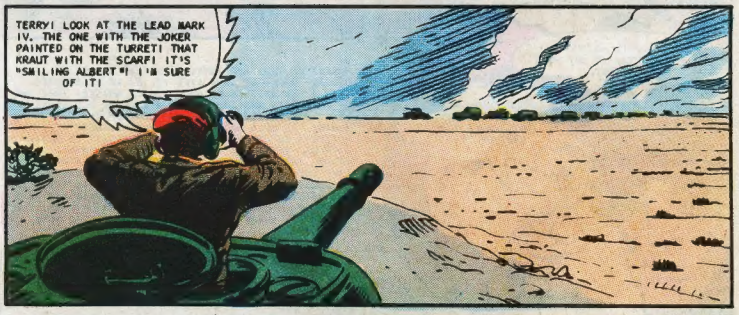
MOTHER

AFTER TRAVELLING FOR SOME TIME, WE STOPPED AND TOOK UP POSITIONS A FEW KILOMETERS BEHIND THE GERMAN LINES.

WHAT'S ON THE ROSTER FOR TODAY, TERRY?
NOTHING SPECIAL, REALLY. TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY. I'LL SET UP POSITION ON THE RIDGE AND SERVE AS LOOK-OUT AND FIRE CONTROL IF ANYTHING COMES ALONG. YOU WILL STAY DOWN HERE AND ATTACK ONLY WHEN I GIVE THE ORDER.

MY CENTURION HAD JUST REACHED THE SUMMIT OF THE HILL WHEN I SPOTTED...

LOOKING THROUGH MY FIELD GLASSES, I COULD SEE THAT THE GERMANS HAD 10 SUPPLY TRUCKS, ONE MOTORCYCLE WITH A SIDECAR, AND FIVE MARK IV MEDIUM TANKS AS ESCORT. I HEARD EARNIE POTTER'S EXCITED VOICE CALLING ME IN MY HEADSET.


TERRY! LOOK AT THE LEAD MARK IV. THE ONE WITH THE JOKER PAINTED ON THE TURRET! THAT KRAUT WITH THE SCARF! IT'S "SMILING ALBERT"! I'M SURE OF IT!

YEAH! THAT'S HIM. I'M SURE OF IT! MAJOR ALBERT KRUEGER. BETTER KNOWN AS "SMILING ALBERT". HE'S THE CHARACTER WHO LED THE ATTACK THAT KNOCKED OUT MY OLD UNIT.
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DURING THE BATTLE, I WAS JUST ABOUT TO PUT A .75 MM ROUND THROUGH HIS TURRET WHEN HE DISAPPEARED BEHIND A SAND DUNE. WELL, I'M NOT GONNA LET HIM GET AWAY THIS TIME. THAT'S FOR SURE! THAT'S FOR DANGED SURE!
4

THE GERMAN COLUMN ADVANCED, NOT KNOWING WHAT AWAITED THEM. WHEN THE COLUMN, LED BY "SMILING ALBERT" KRUEGER, CAME INTO RANGE, I GAVE THE ORDER TO MALCOLM TO...

FIRE!

BAM

ATTENTION! BATTLE FORMATION! DEPLOY! DEPLOY! WE ARE UNDER ATTACK!

BAM

THERE'S AN ENGLISH HEAVY TANK ON THE RIDGE UP AHEAD, HERR MAJOR! ONE OF THE BIG ONES, SIR! A CENTURION!

"MOTHER" WAS STILL BEHIND THE COVER OF A RIDGE WHEN WALLY WILCOX, THE GUNNER, FIRED A WILD SHOT. HIS SHOT WAS NOT ONLY WILD, BUT IT WAS LUCKY. HE SCORED A HIT ON A THIRD TRUCK! KRUEGER HAD ORGANIZED THE ESCORT IN BATTLE FORMATION AND PROCEEDED TO ADVANCE ON MY POSITION. THEY STILL HADN'T SEEN...

A SECOND BRITISH TANK! THERE ARE TWO! BUT WHERE IS IT? AH! IT WILL NO DOUBT COME OUT WHEN WE GET CLOSER. FIRE ON THE TANK ON THE RIDGE!

BAM

WHUMP

BAM

THREE OF THE FIVE SHELLS STRUCK MY CENTURION, BUT WERE DEFLECTED BY THE THICK FRONTAL ARMOUR AND BOUNCED HARMLESSLY AWAY.

BAD SHOW ON THE JERRIES' PART, DON'T YOU THINK?

WHAM

BLANG

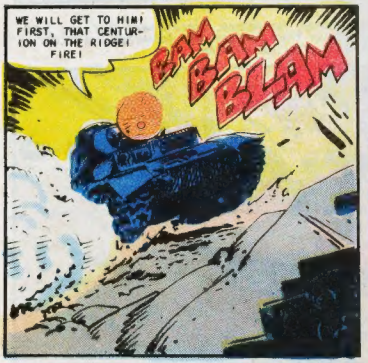
BAM

I SAY! QUITE THOUGHTLESS OF THEM, DON'T YOU THINK, MALCOLM? AFTER ALL, WE JUST HAD OLD "FATHER" DONE OVER. WHAT WOULD THE MECHANICS AND THOSE OTHER CHAPS IN THE ASSEMBLY AREA'S WORK SHOP THINK OF THESE JERRIES IF THEY KNEW WHAT THEY WERE TRYING TO DO TO ALL OF THE WORK OUR LADS HAD PUT INTO THESE THINGS?

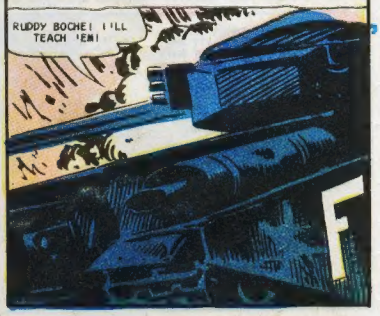
RIGHT-O, MAJOR. I'LL SHOW THE NASTY LITTLE BUMPKINS!

SPREAD OUT AND OUT-FLANK HIM! KERN IS HIT! NO SURVIVORS! THE DIRTY... SPREAD OUT BEFORE THE LIMEY SWINE GETS ANOTHER ONE OF US!
WHAM

I GAVE POTTER THE SIGNAL TO ATTACK. A SECOND MARK IV FLARED AND FLARED FROM POTTER'S HUGE 85 MM CANNON.



ALL THREE SHELLS HIT OUR RIGHT FENDER SKIRT. IT SHOOK US ALL UP QUITE A BIT AND MADE MALCOLM QUITE IRRITABLE.



WHILE MALCOLM WAS FUSSING AND FUMING AND SPECULATING ON WHICH MARK IV TO PICK OFF NEXT, EARNIE POTTER'S GUNNER, WALLY WILCOX, TORE OPEN A THIRD 30 TON GERMAN TANK WITH TWO SHELLS FROM HIS CANNON.

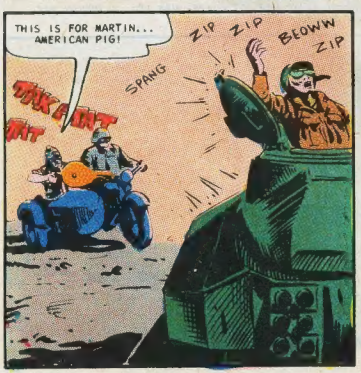
EARNIE POTTER LEFT THE TWO REMAINING GERMAN TANKS TO ME AND WENT AFTER THE SEVEN FLEEING GERMAN TRUCKS.
WATCH IT, TERRY. TWO KRAUTS ARE MOVING UP THE RIDGE ON YOU. THEY WANT THEIR POUND OF FLESH...AND THEN SOME.
NO PROBLEM, POTTER, OLD BOY. GET THOSE TRUCKS BEFORE THEY SLIP AWAY.
GOT HIM!
HIS BELLY IS EXPOSED! FIRE, MARTIN! FOR THE LOVE OF GOD...FIRE!
BAM
BUT POTTER HAD SEEN THE TROUBLE WE WERE IN... SWING HIS TURRET AROUND AND...
MARTIN...!... GET OUT, MARTIN ...! AHH...
BAM
THANKS, OLD BOY. WE DIDN'T SEE HIM UP HERE, YOU KNOW. YOU SAVED OUR RUDDY SKINS.
FORGET IT. JUST BE MORE CAREFUL NEXT TIME. LET'S GO GET THAT CONVOY. KRUEGER'S HAD IT.
EARNIE POTTER HAD UNDERESTIMATED ALBERT KRUEGER. THE GERMAN MAJOR HAD NOT QUITE "HAD IT". ALTHOUGH BATTERED, BRUISED, AND BURNED, HE WAS VERY MUCH ALIVE...AND ANGRY.
SWINE! MY TANK IS DESTROYED. THE CREW IS DEAD...MARTIN... I WILL GET THE AMERICAN... AND THE LIMEY SWINE, TOO... SOME HOW.

ERNST BAUER ON HIS MOTORCYCLE!
BAUER! COME HERE, QUICKLY!
YES, SIR.

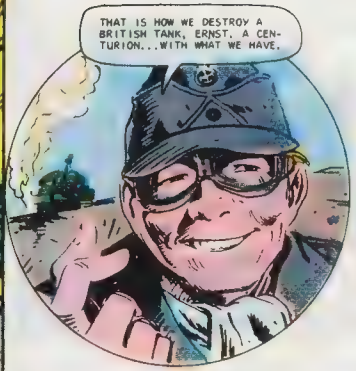
DRIVE WHERE I TELL YOU TO, ERNST. WE'RE GOING AFTER THE ENGLISH TANKS.
YES, SIR, BUT...?

DO YOU HAVE ANY GRENADES, ERNST?
YES, SIR. BUT HOW ARE WE GOING TO DESTROY A BRITISH TANK WITH WHAT WE HAVE? ESPECIALLY A CENTURION?

KEEP GOING. I'LL SHOW YOU HOW.
YES, SIR. AS YOU SAY.


THIS IS FOR MARTIN... AMERICAN PIG!
ZIP ZIP
BLOWW
ZIP
SPANG
TAK A TAK TAK

NOW FOR THE GRENADE ...TO FINISH IT!



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THE GRENADE BARELY MISSED THE OPENED HATCH AND BOUNCED OFF THE TURRET AND EXPLODED.

BANG

I HEARD THE ENGINE NOISE OF KRUEGER'S MOTORCYCLE FADE. I HESITATED, THEN CAUTIOUSLY RAISED MY HEAD OUT OF THE TURRET TO SEE THAT...

HE'S GETTING AWAY! THE RUDDY BLIGHTER'S GETTING AWAY WITH THE REMAINS OF THE CONVOY! POTTER?! WHAT ABOUT POTTER?!

DANNY COOGAN MOVED "FATHER" ALONG SIDE OF "MOTHER".

I SAY, POTTER. ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

I'VE BEEN BETTER... AND I'VE BEEN WORSE. I'LL HEAL. HE ALMOST GOT YOU, MUM?

YES. HE GAVE US BOTH QUITE A THRASHING, YOU KNOW. YES! QUITE A THRASHING.

MAJOR "SAILING ALBERT" KRUEGER STOOD ON A SLOPE LOOKING DOWN AT US.

YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF ME, DEVIL'S BRIGADE!

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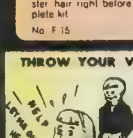

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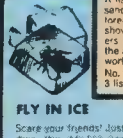

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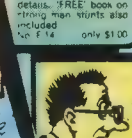

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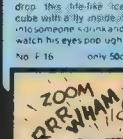

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Major John Henderson showed me a copy of the leaflet which was dropped in North Vietnam. It went this way:

"Helping American pilots and other U.S. military personnel escape to freedom can bring you fifty taels of gold. If you see an American who has parachuted to the ground or who has escaped capture, do not be afraid to approach him. Make him understand you wish him no harm by raising your hands Help him in any way you can. Hide him from hostile authorities. Cooperate with him in finding his way to safety. You may escape to freedom with him or return home just as you choose.

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Each leaflet was signed by the United States ambassador to South Vietnam

How much does that make in American money?" I asked

A tael is about one troy ounce and thus the reward would come to about $1,060. Anything else you want to know?" remarked Major John Henderson

"Would you be able to tell me if American pilots would carry the gold in their Survival Gear?" I said

"I don't know and even if I did, I would not be in a position to discuss it," smiled the major.

However, if need should arise, the gold would be delivered by a helicopter lifting out the pilot, or the rescuer could be lifted out with the flier and then given the gold. We sit back and wait and see what happens. We may have to make some adjustments after we learn by experience."

For the next two weeks I was busy writing dispatches back home telling about human events in the news in Vietnam. And then it happened! There was great excitement outside of headquarters It seems that two trucks, flying white flags, had come right up to the base.

"There's a man who says he is here to collect the gold," said Captain Frank Jacobs to the major. "Wants to see the commanding officer."

"Did you speak to him?" demanded the major.

"Yes," was the reply, "and he speaks English perfectly."

The man was ushered into headquarters. He wore a thick beard. All I could see were cold, piercing brown eyes. And definitely he was neither Vietnamese nor Chinese.

"I want 5000 taels in pure gold," he said. "I am here to collect the reward money. In my two trucks I have 100 of your men. Some pilots and the rest are army personnel. You can go out and see the men. They are hungry and should be fed. And that includes myself and my men."

There was much rejoicing at the return of those men. And here was a story–if I could only get it. The "deliverer" – he gave no name – "Wherever I go there is trouble," he grinned. "You can call me Major Trouble."

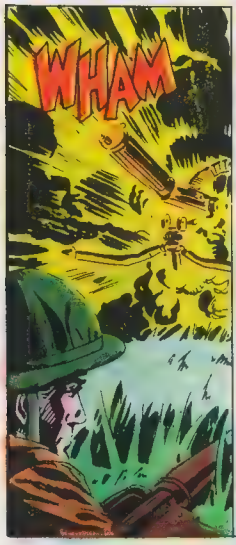
He received the gold, and the next morning he and his men left. I was given permission to interview the rescued men and here is where I got a big surprise. Seems they all were in a prison compound in Meilong, North Vietnam. All they knew is that one evening, some men broke into the compound, overpowered the guards, and took all of them away during the night in two big trucks. And then the major filled me in with other data several days later.

"Major Trouble, or whatever his real name is, is a big operator out here. Wherever he can make a buck, he will make it. But let us give him credit. He figured this one out and saved our men."

I GET ON M/SGT KELLEY'S BACK AGAIN EVEN THOUGH I KNOW HE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT...
CORPORAL, I KNOW YOU'RE OVERDUE FOR SHIPPIN' ORDERS BACK TO THE STATES BUT THEY DIDN'T COME IN YET.
I AIN'T GONNA STAY LUCKY FOREVER, SERGEANT. IF I GET HIT, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'LL WRITE HOME AND TELL 'EM HOW COME I STAYED ONE DAY TOO LONG!
NO MAIL, ADDISON. YOU ASKED ME SEVENTEEN TIMES ALREADY THIS MORNING. YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE GONNA BAWL IF YOU DON'T GET A LETTER.
MAIL
I MIGHT JUST START TO BAWL AT THAT. I'M SICK, SCARED, DISAPPOINTED, AND WORRIED ABOUT MY GIRL...
HAVEN'T HAD A LETTER FROM HER IN A WEEK. I ASKED HER TO MARRY ME...WHEN I GET HOME...
...IF I EVER DO GET HOME!
NOW, IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER MISSION INTO COMBAT ZONE "C" ...AND I'VE LOST AN AWFUL LOT OF BUDDIES IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS. I'M SURE MY NUMBER IS ABOUT UP...I'LL GET IT!

NORTH VIET NAMESE TROOPS KIDNAPPED HEADMAN IN NHE CHINA, A VILLAGE NORTH OF HERE. THEY'LL USE HIM FOR BAIT...
... PULL US INTO A TRAP, THEN TRY TO WIPE US OUT!
GET READY! REMEMBER... WHEN WE LEAVE THE CHOPPERS...
...WE MOVE FAST, FIND COVER, OPEN FIRE IF WE CONTACT THE ENEMY! HIT HIM HARD RIGHT AWAY...
THE PLATOON LEADER'S A REAL HERO TYPE... HE WON'T LAST LONG! WE'VE HAD FOUR PLATOON LEADERS IN THIS OUTFIT...I'VE OUTLIVED THEM ALL!
...SO FAR!
TODAY IS THE WORST DAY OF ALL! I'VE NEVER BEEN THIS SCARED!
I JACKRABBIT AWAY FROM THE CHOPPER. I LEARNED A LONG TIME AGO NOT TO MAKE MYSELF AN EASY TARGET FOR THESE GOOKS! ONE CHARLIE THINKS HE'S GOT ME CROSS-HAIRED BUT I SQUEEZE OFF A BURST FROM THE AR15 BEFORE HE CAN GIVE ME A TICKET TO THE HAPPY HUNTING GROUND!
THEY GOT AN M.G. IN THE BRUSH! KEEP DOWN!
BRAT AT AT
POW POW

THEY'VE GO! BE SPOTTED. WHEN THAT M.G. STARTS FIRING, I FEEL LIKE I'M IN A SHOOTING GALLERY!
BRATATATAT
I'M SO SCARED, I CAN'T MAKE A MOVE! I'M PRAYING FOR LIFE... AND HOW I FEEL IS SUCH AGONY, I'M ALMOST HOPING I GET HIT SO IT'LL ALL BE OVER AT LAST!
SOMEONE PUT A GRENADE ON THEM! WHILE I...AAHH!
HE KNEW THEY'D GET HIM...HE HAD MORE GUTS THAN ME!
I'M THE NEXT MUT TO MAKE A TRY. IN MY MIND, I THINK I'VE FINALLY FLIPPED... WHO AM I TRYIN' TO IMPRESS ANYHOW? WHATEVER MY REASON, THERE I AM WITH A GRENADE, RUNNING RIGHT INTO THE MUZZLE OF CHARLIE'S MACHINE GUN!
THERE GOES ADDISON! HE'S GONNA WRECK EVERYTHIN' IF HE GETS CLOBBERED!
BRATATATATA
ZIP
VIP
ZING



THERE'S THIS SUDDEN SILENCE. CHARLIE HAS MOVED BACK... NOW, OUR PLATOON LEADER COMES TO LIFE, WAVING US FORWARD...

OKAY, HEROES. COME ON... VILLAGE IS JUST BEYOND THE BAMBOO.

I OUGHTA WAIT HERE AT THE CHOPPER PAD. I'VE DONE MY SHARE!

YOU'RE THE KINDA GUY WE *NEED* OUT HERE, HERO! THEY'LL *NEVER* SHIP YOU HOME.

QUIT BUGGIN' ME, SARGE. NOTHIN'S FUNNY TODAY.

THE VICTOR CHARLIES ARE IN THE VILLAGE, ALL RIGHT. ONE OF THE VICTIMS OF THE TERRORISTS POINTS OUT ONE OF THEM TO ME...

CHARLIE THERE, BY HOUSE.

ZIP

GET DOWN!

VIP

APPARENTLY, I GOT THE GOOK. THE VILLAGERS IS EXCITED, URGING ME TO GO IN AFTER HIM...
YOU CAPTURE, CHARLIE BOSS IN HOUSE. HE BIG MAN FROM HANOI!
GREAT!! WE'VE GOT ORDERS TO BRING IN THE HANOI GOONS ALIVE IF WE CAN!
IF I GO AFTER HIM RIGHT NOW, I MIGHT GET HIM... BUT HE MIGHT GET ME TOO!
I'M A CHUMP... THAT'S FOR SURE!
THERE'S THE GOON!
KRASH!
PHEW!! GOT HIM! SONOFAGUN IS TRYIN' TO BITE ME!
HOLD STILL, CHARLIE! DON'T TRY TO USE THAT!
DROP IT!
DON'T BUST HIM UP TOO MUCH, LEO... THE INTERROGATORS HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS FOR THAT GUY!

A VIET NAMESE INTERROGATOR MAKES THIS HARDCASE HANOI COMMIE TALK FASTER THAN A POLITICIAN BACK HOME. MEANWHILE, THE LIEUTENANT HAS A FEW SURPRISES FOR ME.

YOU'RE UP FOR A GOOD MEDAL, SERGEANT, YEAH, ADDISON... SERGEANT! YOU GOT THE STRIPE...AND YOU'LL GET THE MEDAL.
THAT'S SOMETHIN' ANYHOW.

ALL OF A SUDDEN, IT AIN'T SUCH A BAD DAY AFTER ALL! BIGGEST GIFT IS I'M STILL ALIVE...WITH MY ORDERS TO GO HOME...WITH A BIG LONG FURLOUGH.. AND A LETTER FROM MY GIRL SAYING YES, SHE'LL MARRY ME AND SHE'S GOT THE LICENSE AND THE WEDDING SET UP FOR JUST AS SOON AS I GET HOME, WITH RESERVATIONS TO GO TO A WINTER RESORT ON OUR HONEYMOON. DAD BOUGHT US A CONVERTIBLE...AND THE GUYS IN THE PLATOON FIXED UP A CAKE AND A SURPRISE PARTY! I'LL SAY IT'S A HAPPY BIRTHDAY... THE GREATEST EVER!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

END

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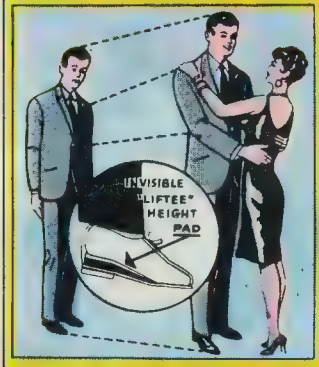

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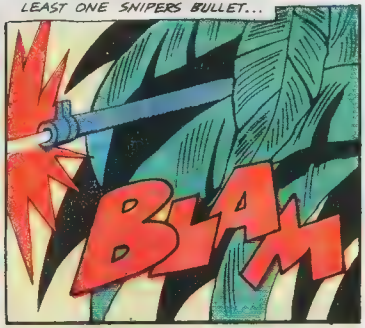
NO MATTER WHERE OR WHEN, EVERYTIME PVT. MAX LEROY HAD A CHANCE, HE'D PULL OUT THAT BEAT-UP CIGARETTE CASE CONTAINING A PICTURE OF HIS DOG, OLD FAITHFUL.

THE FIGHTING WAS ROUGH ON IWO... AND PVT MAX LEROY HAD HIS NAME ON AT LEAST ONE SNIPERS BULLET...



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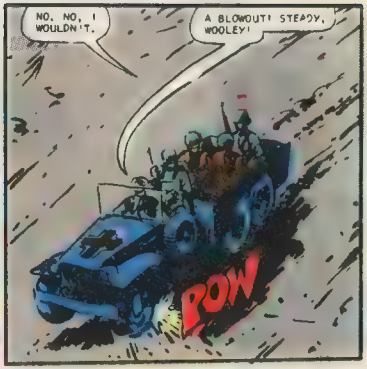
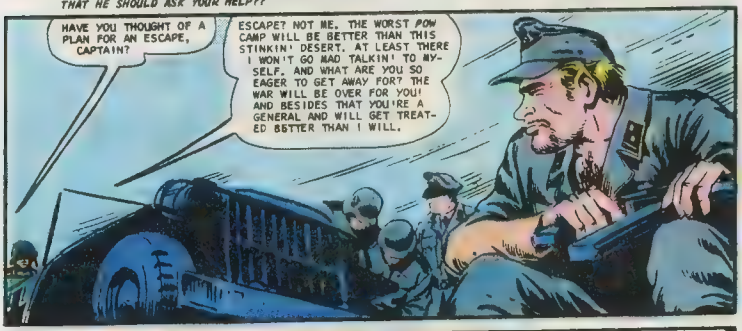
WILLI FRANZ SAM GLANZMAN

YOUR BODY AND SOUL HAD BEEN TESTED BEYOND ALL HUMAN ENDURANCE AND EXPECTATION. YOU WERE EXHAUSTED ...FATIGUED...WEAPONLESS! SS OBERSTURMFUHRER GERHARDT GROSSMANN WAS AMAZED BUT THOROUGHLY DELIGHTED AT THE SIGHT OF YOU, AN AMERICAN OFFICER, COMING TOWARD HIM LIKE A BEATEN PUPPY WITH YOUR TAIL BETWEEN YOUR LEGS AND YOUR ARMS RAISED IN SURRENDER. THE SS OBERLEUTNANT HOLSTERED HIS AUTOMATIC AND WALKED BOLDLY FORWARD.
I HAVE NO WEAPONS. I GIVE UP. D...DON'T SHOOT. AH ...IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER. I'M TOO TIRED. I DON'T REALLY CARE WHETHER YOU SHOOT OR NOT.
AND WHO SAYS WE ARE LOSING THE WAR? HE IS AN OFFICER, BURGER. DON'T SHOOT. I WANT HIM ALIVE.
WE HAVE A FELLOW A-MERICAN OFFICER TO KEEP YOU COMPANY, ...SCHULTZ
GENERAL STENIK!!!
HE... HELLO, SCHULTZ.

GENERAL MAX STENIK, THE MAN WHO HAD HAD YOU CONVICTED OF HIS SON'S MURDER, HAD BEEN CAPTURED TWO DAYS BEFORE WHILE ON A REQUIRED ROUTINE FRONT-LINE INSPECTION WITH OTHER STAFF OFFICERS BY AN ADVANCED GERMAN PATROL. YOU RODE SILENTLY FOR QUITE SOME DISTANCE. THEN...



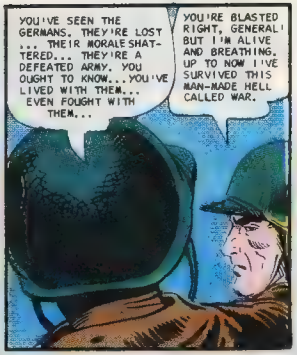
WHILE THE TIRE WAS BEING REPLACED, BIG, HAIRY SS MASTER-SERGEANT WOLFGANG BURGER KEPT CLOSE WATCH ON THE BOTH OF YOU. YOU...THE HUNTED... AND GEN. STENIK... ONE OF THE HUNTERS. WASN'T IT STRANGE THAT HE SHOULD ASK YOUR HELP??

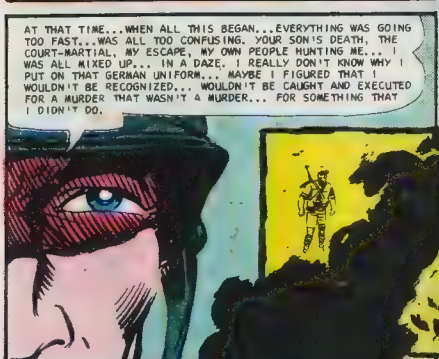

HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF A PLAN FOR AN ESCAPE, CAPTAIN?
ESCAPE? NOT ME. THE WORST POW CAMP WILL BE BETTER THAN THIS STINKIN' DESERT. AT LEAST THERE I WON'T GO MAD TALKIN' TO MYSELF. AND WHAT ARE YOU SO EAGER TO GET AWAY FOR? THE WAR WILL BE OVER FOR YOU! AND BESIDES THAT YOU'RE A GENERAL AND WILL GET TREATED BETTER THAN I WILL.

AS A MATTER OF FACT, WHY SHOULD I HELP YOU BE FREE WHEN IT WAS YOU WHO HAD ME DEPRIVED OF MY FREEDOM!
WAIT A MINUTE, CAPTAIN! LISTEN TO ME! MY CONCERN IS NOT ONLY FOR MYSELF ... IT'S FOR THE THOUSANDS OF MEN WHO MIGHT DIE IF... IF THE GERMANS BREAK ME.

I'M NOT A STRONG MAN, SCHULTZ. I THINK YOU KNOW THAT. BUT I KNOW A LOT OF TOP SECRET INFORMATION ... ORDER OF BATTLE, DATES, LOCATIONS OF THE BIG PUSH... HOPEFULLY THE LAST IN NORTH AFRICA, AND THE GERMANS KNOW IT... AND WILL STOP AT NOTHING TO EXTRACT THAT INFORMATION FROM ME ANYWAY THEY CAN. AND LIKE I SAID, I'M NOT A VERY STRONG MAN.

LIKE YOU SAID, GENERAL... I KNOW. SO WHAT!?
LISTEN TO ME! IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME COMING, BUT IT'S FINALLY ARRIVED... THIS FINAL PUSH MEANS THE BEGINNING OF THE END FOR THE AFRICA CORPS... AND FOR ALL THE GERMANS IN NORTH AFRICA.


YOU'VE SEEN THE GERMANS. THEY'RE LOST ... THEIR MORALE SHATTERED... THEY'RE A DEFEATED ARMY. YOU OUGHT TO KNOW... YOU'VE LIVED WITH THEM... EVEN FOUGHT WITH THEM...
YOU'RE BLASTED RIGHT, GENERAL! BUT I'M ALIVE AND BREATHING. UP TO NOW I'VE SURVIVED THIS MAN-MADE HELL CALLED WAR.


AT THAT TIME...WHEN ALL THIS BEGAN...EVERYTHING WAS GOING TOO FAST...WAS ALL TOO CONFUSING. YOUR SON'S DEATH, THE COURT-MARTIAL, MY ESCAPE, MY OWN PEOPLE HUNTING ME... I WAS ALL MIXED UP... IN A DAZE. I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHY I PUT ON THAT GERMAN UNIFORM... MAYBE I FIGURED THAT I WOULDN'T BE RECOGNIZED... WOULDN'T BE CAUGHT AND EXECUTED FOR A MURDER THAT WASN'T A MURDER... FOR SOMETHING THAT I DIDN'T DO.

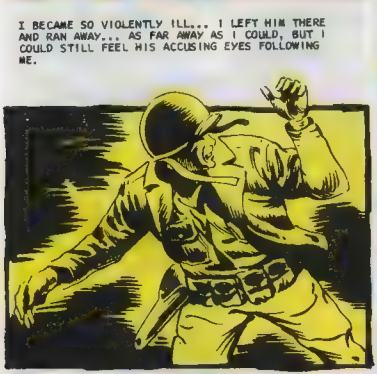
I SAW THE COLUMN OF GERMAN SOLDIERS... TIRED, BEATEN, BLEEDING. TO ME IT WASN'T AN ENEMY ARMY... IT WAS A PLACE OF HIDING... OF REFUGE... AND I JOINED THEM. I REALIZE NOW THAT THAT WAS THE WRONG THING TO DO...TERRIBLY WRONG.

IN THAT SHORT TIME, GENERAL, I MADE FRIENDS. I WAS ACCEPTED AS ONE OF THEM... WITHOUT QUESTION. WE LIVED TOGETHER, SHARING THE SAME BARRACKS, TANK, SAME FOOD, CONVERSATION, HOPES AND DREAMS OF THINGS THAT COULD NEVER COME TRUE. WE LIVED TOGETHER... AND WHEN ONE OF US DIED... THE REST OF US CRIED TOGETHER. THAT'S THE WAY IT WAS, GENERAL, NO DIFFERENT.

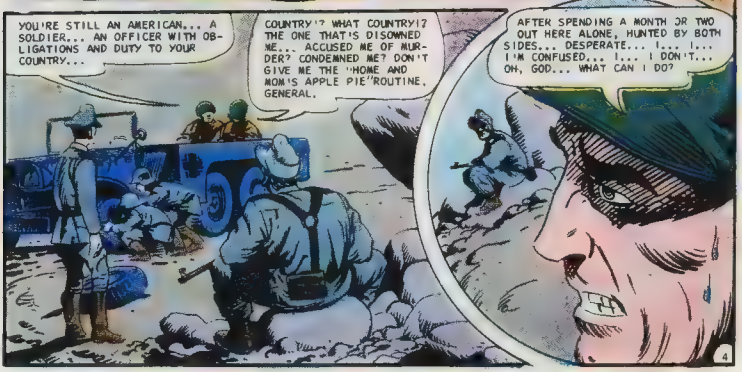
BUT NOW, I'M NO LONGER GOOD AS A SOLDIER TO ANYONE. HAVING LIVED WITH THE GERMANS SO LONG... I CAN'T MAKE MYSELF KILL ANY GERMANS!

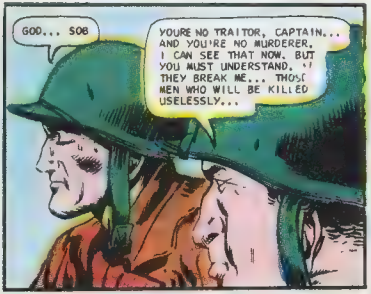
LAST WEEK I AMBUSHED A GERMAN SUPPLY TRUCK FOR SOME FOOD AND WATER, AND I SHOT THE DRIVER. HE WAS AN OLD MAN. THEN, SEEING HIM SQUIRMING ON THE GROUND... HEARING HIS SCREAMS ... SOMETHING SNAPPED INSIDE OF ME! I THREW DOWN MY WEAPON AND STARTED BANDAGING HIM UP... TRYING TO STOP THE BLEEDING... TO SAVE HIS LIFE. HAVE YOU EVER HAD A MAN WHOM YOU'VE JUST SHOT DIE PLEADING IN YOUR ARMS?

HE DIED... AND I CRIED. I CRIED AND I COULDN'T STOP! I BEGGED HIM TO FORGIVE ME. I THREW AWAY MY WEAPONS. I YELLED AND SCREAMED AT HIM TO COME BACK TO LIFE... TO GET UP... BUT HE WAS DEAD. I HAD KILLED HIM... AND HIS BLOOD WAS ALL OVER ME...


I BECAME SO VIOLENTLY ILL... I LEFT HIM THERE AND RAN AWAY... AS FAR AWAY AS I COULD, BUT I COULD STILL FEEL HIS ACCUSING EYES FOLLOWING ME.

I CAN'T KILL ANYMORE, GENERAL. I CAN'T... I WON'T... AND NO ONE CAN MAKE ME!


YOU'RE STILL AN AMERICAN... A SOLDIER... AN OFFICER WITH OBLIGATIONS AND DUTY TO YOUR COUNTRY...
COUNTRY!? WHAT COUNTRY!? THE ONE THAT'S DISOWNED ME... ACCUSED ME OF MURDER? CONDEMNED ME? DON'T GIVE ME THE "HOME AND MOM'S APPLE PIE" ROUTINE, GENERAL.
AFTER SPENDING A MONTH OR TWO OUT HERE ALONE, HUNTED BY BOTH SIDES... DESPERATE... I... I... I'M CONFUSED... I... I DON'T... OH, GOD... WHAT CAN I DO?


GOD... SOB
YOURE NO TRAITOR, CAPTAIN... AND YOU'RE NO MURDERER. I CAN SEE THAT NOW. BUT YOU MUST UNDERSTAND, IF THEY BREAK ME... THOSE MEN WHO WILL BE KILLED USELESSLY...

THEN DON'T TALK, GENERAL! KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT TO THE GERMANS.

ALL RIGHT, SCHULTZ. I CAN'T BE ANGRY WITH YOU... OR EVEN DISAPPOINTED OR ANNOYED. YOU'VE HAD FAR MORE THAN YOUR SHARE. I GUESS NO ONE CAN BE A PILLAR OF STRENGTH ALL THE TIME.

AH, MY LITTLE COCONUTS... WHAT'S THIS? APPARENTLY YOU DIDN'T ENJOY YOUR LITTLE CONVERSATION, HERR SCHULTZ. WELL, THE TIRE HAS BEEN REPLACED AND WE CAN NOW BE ON OUR WAY, BURGER...?

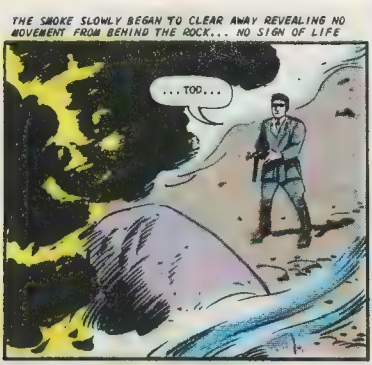
SUDDENLY, BEFORE THE BIG SS HAUPTSCHARFUHRER COULD REPLY, YOU MADE YOUR DESPERATE MOVE...
THOK

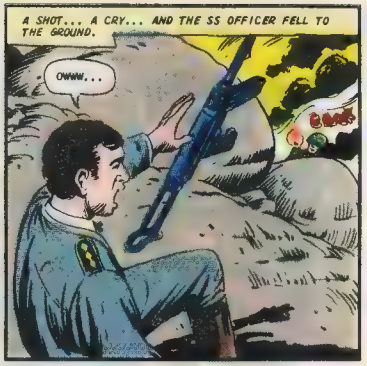
SCHULTZ!
5

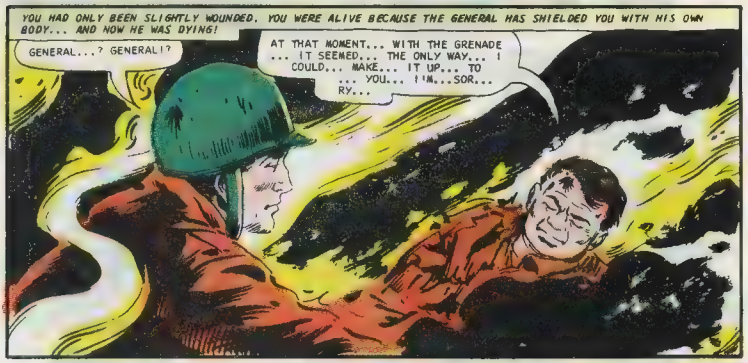
UGHHH...
CRACK
COME ON, GENERAL. THOSE OTHER TWO HAVE MACHINE-PISTOLS! RUN!
WOOLEY... BURGER...
SHOOT THEM!
RATA
DOWN, GENERAL!
T-TATA
RAT-TA-TA-TA
VIP
BEOOW
VIP
VIP
BEFORE WE CAN DO ANYTHING ELSE...
WATCH IT!
POW
WE CAN'T MOVE, SO KEEP YOUR HEAD DOWN, GENERAL. I'LL... I'LL TRY TO PICK THEM OFF.
ALL RIGHT, SON. BUT REMEMBER, THEY'RE OUT FOR BLOOD!
RATA
RATATA
ZIP
ZIP
BEOOW
ZIP
6

THERE WAS AN UNCERTAIN MOMENT OF HESITATION AS YOUR FINGER TIGHTENED ON THE TRIGGER.
AN AMERICAN... A SOLDIER... AND OFFICER ... A SOLDIER... OH, GOD, FORGIVE ME...
AHAHHHH!
CRACK
YOU'RE A SOLDIER, ONCE AGAIN, CAPTAIN!
YES... I CAN KILL ... I'M A SOLDIER. THIS IS WAR...THERE'S ONLY ONE RULE...KILL OR BE KILLED... NO MIDDLE GROUND!
BORKMANN IS DEAD, AND BURGER IS BADLY WOUNDED. I DON'T CARE IF ONE OF THEM IS A GENERAL... KILL THEM BOTH! NOW! KILL THEM!
JAWOHL, HERR OBERLEUTNANT.
I'VE BEEN WRONG FOR A LONG TIME, CAPTAIN. IF WE GET BACK... THE MEN WHO I HAD CONVICT YOU ... I CAN ALSO HAVE THEM CLEAR YOU. I MEAN IT SCHULTZ.
YES... BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK AS THOUGH EITHER OF US ARE GOING TO GET BACK. I ONLY HAVE FIVE BUL- LETS LEFT. AND ... WATCH IT...!

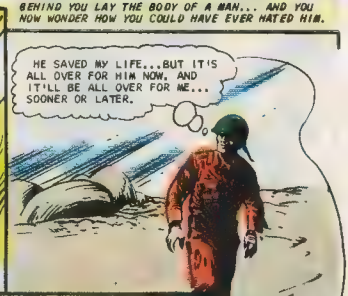
AHHH—OW!
MUELLER... GRANATE... NEIN!
CRACK
CRACK
EINS... ZWEI...
...DREI...
...VIER...
GRENADE...!
GET DOWN, SCHULTZ!
BLAM!


THE SMOKE SLOWLY BEGAN TO CLEAR AWAY REVEALING NO MOVEMENT FROM BEHIND THE ROCK... NO SIGN OF LIFE
...TOO...


A SHOT... A CRY... AND THE SS OFFICER FELL TO THE GROUND.
OWWW...
BANG


YOU HAD ONLY BEEN SLIGHTLY WOUNDED. YOU WERE ALIVE BECAUSE THE GENERAL HAS SHIELDED YOU WITH HIS OWN BODY... AND NOW HE WAS DYING!
GENERAL...? GENERAL!?
AT THAT MOMENT... WITH THE GRENADE ... IT SEEMED... THE ONLY WAY... I COULD... MAKE... IT UP... TO ... YOU... I'M...SOR... RY...

HE'S DEAD. HEROIC... BUT DEAD. I GUESS HE WAS A LOT STRONGER THAN HE THOUGHT HE WAS.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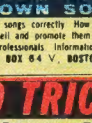

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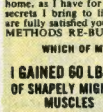

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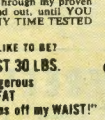

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